

John W. Olcott, President

John W. Olcott was named NBAA president in 1992. Formerly vice president/group publisher with McGraw-Hill, Inc., Olcott served as editor and eventually publisher from 1978 through 1992 at *Business and Commercial Aviation* (B/CA) magazine. During that time, he also worked as editor and publisher for *A/C Flyer* and the McGraw-Hill *Show Daily*, the latter of which features highlights from NBAA's three-day Annual Meeting & Convention.



From 1975 to 1978, Olcott was senior editor of *Flying* magazine in New York, at the time a Ziff-Davis publication and a sister journal to B/CA. From 1968 to 1974, Olcott served as vice president for corporate development and senior consultant with Aeronautical Research Associates of Princeton, Inc. Under contract from Princeton University, Olcott was from 1966 to 1968 a flight research specialist assigned to the Kanpur Indo American Program in Kanpur, India, as part of a USAID educational effort. From 1962 to 1966 Olcott worked for Linden Flight Service in New Jersey where he rose to the position of vice president.

Olcott's aviation credentials include an airline transport pilot's license, multi-engine land, with Learjet, Citation, Kingair 300 and Falcon 50/900 type ratings. He also holds a commercial license, single engine land, rotorcraft helicopter, rotorcraft autogyro, instrument helicopter, glider, flight instructor, airplane single and multi-engine and instrument airplane certifications. With approximately 8,000 hours of flying time, Olcott flies his own Baron. Certified as an emergency medical technician (EMT), he served for more than 17 years on the New Vernon, NJ Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Olcott holds B.S.(1960) and M.S.(1964) degrees in aeronautical engineering from Princeton University, as well as a master's degree (1970) in general management from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. He and his wife, Isobel, have five children.

Career Accomplishments and Honors

- Industry Co-Chair, FAA Safer Skies Initiative for General Aviation
- Member, Small Aircraft Transportation System Strategic Council
- Member, RTCA Free Flight Steering Committee
- Member, FAA Research, Engineering & Development Advisory Committee
- Member, NASA Office of Aerospace Technology Advisory Committee
- Inductee, New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame, 2001
- Co-Chair, National Aviation Associations Coalition, 1992 to 2002
- Chairman, General Aviation Coalition, 1998 to 1999
- Member, Flight Safety Foundation Board of Governors, 1993 to 1999
- Member, GSA Aircraft Management Policy Advisory Board
- Member, FAA Aviation System Capacity Advisory Committee
- Member, Board of Trustees, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, 1988 to 1993 and 1996 to 1998
- Member, AOPA Air Safety Foundation Board of Visitors, 1989 to 1992
- Member, Board of Directors, Aviation Research & Education Foundation, 1988 to 1992
- Member, NASA Task Force on General Aviation Transportation, 1993 to 1994
- Excellence in Communication Award, Helicopter Association International, 1991
- Chairman, General Aviation Safety Panel, 1982 to 1988
- Member, AIAA General Aviation Workshop Steering Committee, 1988
- Chairman, NASA Ad Hoc Review Team on General Aviation, 1987
- Chairman, General Aviation and Commuter Technology Subcommittee, NASA Advisory Committee, 1978 to 1986
- Gill Robb Wilson Aviation Education Achievement Award, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, 1985
- Federal Aviation Administration Central, Region Director's Award, 1984
- Federal Aviation Administration Certificate of Commendation, 1984
- Flight Safety Foundation, Award for Meritorious Service, 1983
- Member, National Research Council Aeronautics and Space Engineering Board, 1980 to 1983
- Member, AIAA Technical Committee on General Aviation Systems, 1978 to 1980
- Chairman, NASA Panel on General Aviation and Commuter Technology, 1974 to 1977
- Member, NASA Research and Technology Advisory Council, 1974 to 1977
- Member, Society of Experimental Test Pilots

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